

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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 Vasquez, Apodaca
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ACTION CALENDAR

WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PLAN CONTRACT OPERATIONS

American States Utility Services (ASUS), an affiliate of the Golden State Water Company (GSWC), has been providing contract field operations for the District for the last three years for the Water Quality Protection Plan (WQPP) using GSWC personnel. The current contract with ASUS expires on February 26, 2007.

“Request for Proposals” (RFP)

Staff issued an RFP to retain a contract operator from the end of the current contract through fiscal year 2007-08. In response to the RFP, the District received three proposals. All proposals had a monthly fixed fee component and a time and materials component. A budget of about \$50,000 should be budgeted for time and material items for the contract term. The monthly fee compared as follows:

Proposal from	Monthly Fee
City of Whittier	\$4,200
GSWC (the current service provider)	\$7,694
Eco Resources, Inc.	\$9,121

Staff’s evaluation of the proposals has determined that all three operators are qualified to provide the service required by the District and all three have direct experience in the granular activated carbon treatment process, the technology utilized by the WQPP treatment plant.

Contract Award Recommendation

There are distinguishing factors with the City of Whittier which would make them the best choice to provide WQPP operation services for the District. The City of Whittier is intimately familiar with WQPP, having been involved with the project since the inception and having been a regular participant of the design-build process of the WQPP water system. The City operators also have been monitoring the WQPP since start-up and have a vested interest in the success of WQPP since WQPP product water enters directly into the Whittier system. The City is also the contract operator of the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit (WNOU), the upstream treatment plant that utilizes the same technology as WQPP. WQPP was designed to operate in tandem with WNOU.

Based on their intimate knowledge of WQPP, experience in operating WNOU, their vested interest in seeing WQPP succeed, and reasonableness in proposed costs; staff recommends that the WQPP operations contract be awarded to the City of Whittier.

Back-up Plan – Award WQPP Contract to GSW

The Whittier proposal was submitted contingent upon their City Council's approval. At the time of this writing, it was not known whether City Council will approve the contract. However, the nature of WQPP is such that it cannot go without an operator. Staff recommends that if a CBMWD-Whittier contract is not finalized in a timely manner, that the WQPP contract be awarded to GSW. GSW is the logical second choice, having been the "hands on" WQPP operator since start-up and are intimately familiar with WQPP operations. GSWC's performance over the last three years has also been satisfactory.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds have been budgeted for contract operations in the WQPP budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Certified water distribution and water treatment plant operators must be utilized to operate WQPP.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on January 10, 2007 and was recommended for approval at the January 23, 2007 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the General Manager to:

- 1) Enter into an agreement with the City of Whittier to operate the WQPP from February 27, 2007 to June 30, 2008 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$117,200; and
- 2) Alternatively enter into an agreement with the Golden State Water Company to operate WQPP from February 27, 2007 to June 30, 2008 at a not-to-exceed amount of \$173,104, if the contract with the City of Whittier to operate the WQPP is not secured in a timely manner.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

None.